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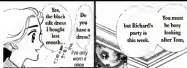
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I'm
against
this!

Catherine was
beautiful and
excelled at
virtually
everything.

A servant
becom-
ing the
mother
of my
dear
grand-
children!

She passed
away in an acci-
dent at the cross-
country horse
race.

The woman
who Elton
still loves...

Alexis is an
important
relative to
the children.

Please do your
best to get
along with her.



That hair-
style makes
you look very
mature,
Emma.



Elton says
it's there so that
the children don't
forget their real
mother is...

In Grandma
Alexis's album,

you look just
like Mommy
Catherine
when she was
young.



Still,





He only
thought of
the happiness
of his children.

Even after
losing his
wife.

The "brilliant
lawyer" with
dignity didn't
stand before
me then.

Behind the
elegance
there was a
warm and
humorous man.



I fell in
love at
first sight...



that you were
looking for a
nanny...

Erm...

I heard from
the nursery...













You're very thin.



Come to think of it, you never eat much.

Are you eating properly?



It's been a while since we got married too.

you speak as though you've never seen your wife's body.



Mmmmm

Mmmmm

Mmmmm

Mmmmm



I understand.

He didn't do anything to you.

Calm down.

Ethen



Don't hold me like this.



























with us
getting more
involved,
anyway.

There
wouldn't
be a
problem...



I always
thought...

...this was
inevitable.



I only did
that
because...

I thought you
wouldn't
agree to the
marriage
otherwise.

What
are you
talking
about?

We... just
have a
"contract
marriage."



But today you
look different.

...I felt you also
wanted me.

Hidden
away in a
hard shell...

You looked like
you would
never accept a man.

Back then,
you were
like a man.



















I don't plan on making Emma as Catherine's close.

after you drop Emma off at school tomorrow, do you want to spend some time just the two of us?

Hey,

I have some time in the morning.

There's someone here I want to talk to you.

The woman who holds your heart...



doesn't have to be Catherine?



Does that mean...

Don't worry about what Alexis says.



Your lack of confidence?

Human

Were you thinking about this the other night, too?

Don't make Mom cry!

Mom!

ママは泣かないでね

You're an excellent student.

You're

doing well.

Emma?













Hannah's really changed recently.

それは、
最近、
ハナハが
変わった。



I never knew
that being
in your arms...

...would make me
feel so free and
blestful.



Maybe I was a bad idea to ask.

Oh sorry.



...But I had never heard anything from you now...

Yes, I've heard many rumors...



There's no need to apologize.



...A guess it's about time I told you.



She was a scared, goody-two-shoes still.

She could never disappoint Alexia.

Catherine was ...a weak woman...



I don't plan on raising Emma as Catherine's clone.



but, I wonder what they were like in reality.

always assumed Ethan and Catherine were the perfect couple.

I ...



What sort of wife Catherine was...



I couldn't ask him before but...

...a "safe by agreement" anymore

I'm not just...



But...
she gave
birth to
Tom.

She
scheduled
an
abortion...

...and even went
up to the
hospital!



In the end, we
employed many
nurses and
servants. It
was like walking
a tightrope
every day.



When Emma
turned three, and
Catherine
was going to
go back to
work full time...



She became
pregnant with
Tom.



I lost
my parents
in an airplane
crash. I longed
for a warm,
loving family.

But after
a few years,
just about
the time
Emma
was born...



I respected
her
intelligence...
and I married
her because I
loved her.



I asked her to
take time
off work to
prioritize the
upkeep of
the household.

When I look back
now, I was just
being selfish.



Just staying
at home
with Emma
every day,
waiting for
you...

My efforts
up until now
will just
be wasted!



"If I take time
off now,
my career will
be ruined!"



You love your family more than anything.

... You're a kind, sensitive father...

Ethan...

You're not a coldhearted person.

Oh, Hannah...

When you're by my side, even my pain

seems like cherished memories.



She never held him after he was born.

The reason she entered a home mere three weeks after giving birth...

...It's all my fault...



I didn't realize how much...

It was all because I never thought about what she wanted...!

...loving another child then meant to her...









Ethan
gets home.

I have
to make
dinner
before...

It's getting
pretty late.





If the teacher didn't find her, Emma was about to go home on her own.



Please speak with Alexia again.

It was her idea to go pick up Emma.

That's why I...



Don't make excuses.

What if she was kidnapped or involved in an accident?

She has no reason to lie at the expense of Emma's safety.



I heard you made her look after Tom and run out the house.

I thought Alexia was going to get Emma...

What's going on...?

She assumed you were going to go past the school on the way home.



But I'm sure she said...



"I'll go pick up Emma!"

If you were going to be late, why didn't you tell Alexia to pick up Emma?

How you so preoccupied with yourself that you couldn't even do that?



Ethan!



Can I
not...

be with
you....

...as your wife...?

Ethan

Have I...
disappointed
you?"

You're not
even going
to listen to
what I have
to say?









You must be...
Hannah Smith

The fourth
nanny Ethan
employed...

...can
never be a
suitable wife
for Ethan!

Why
don't you
give up?
A peasant
girl like you...

A menacing
shadow...

and a
frightened
child

The...
Catherine...?



Which way
should I go

...to get
home...?

Where am
I?

What am
I doing
here...?



Catherine...?













But you were so
passionate about
the children,

it was hard
to believe
you were only doing
this as a job.

Back then,
you looked so frail.
I couldn't help but
pity you.

Your sad and
diffident gaze
blissed me
into the
Hannah
Kemp...

I so dearly
love you.

And my sad
past has drawn
you to me...

Eden

when you first
came to
our home...

It was
this time
of year,

but I
wanted to
have it
in front
of you.

I don't
really like
formality.

We should
make a
fire in
celebration.

To have
this
marriage
contract.





Did you know,
@then,

"I love
you"

Those
words
that you
whispered
to me

must be the
invitation
your "life"
party"

The myth that
people cannot cry...

...when they are
losing?

I'm...so happy.
I truly am happy

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